

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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ROBERT EDWARDS,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

Respondent.

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Civil Action No. 14-5969 (MAS)

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

*Pro se* Petitioner Robert Edwards, a state inmate confined at the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Avenel, New Jersey, seeks to bring a habeas petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Local Civil Rule 81.2 provides:

Unless prepared by counsel, petitions to this Court for a writ of *habeas corpus* . . . shall be in writing (legibly handwritten in ink or typewritten), signed by the petitioner or movant, on forms supplied by the Clerk.

L.Civ.R. 81.2(a). Petitioner did not use the habeas form supplied by the Clerk for section 2254 petitions, *i.e.*, AO241 (modified).

THEREFORE, it is on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of NOV ~~October~~, 2014;

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall administratively terminate this case at this time; Petitioner is informed that administrative termination is not a “dismissal” for purposes of the statute of limitations, and that if the case is reopened, it is not subject to the statute of limitations time bar if it was originally filed timely, *see Jenkins v. Superintendent of Laurel Highlands*, 705 F.3d 80, 84 n.2 (2013) (describing prisoner mailbox rule generally); *Dasilva v.*

*Sheriff's Dep't.*, 413 F. App'x 498, 502 (3rd Cir. 2011) (per curiam) (“[The] statute of limitations is met when a complaint is submitted to the clerk before the statute runs ....”); and it is further


ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall forward Petitioner a blank habeas petition form—AO 241 (modified):DNJ-Habeas-008(Rev.01-2014); and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk's service of the blank habeas petition form shall not be construed as this Court's finding that the original petition is or is not timely, or that Petitioner's claims are or are not duly exhausted; and it is further

ORDERED that if Petitioner wishes to reopen this case, he shall so notify the Court, in writing addressed to the Clerk of the Court, Clarkson S. Fisher Building & U.S. Courthouse, 402 East State Street, Room 2020, Trenton, New Jersey 08608, within 30 days of the date of entry of this Memorandum and Order; Petitioner's writing shall include a complete, signed habeas petition on the appropriate form; and it is further

ORDERED that upon receipt of a writing from Petitioner stating that he wishes to reopen this case, with a complete, signed petition on the appropriate form, the Clerk of the Court will be directed to reopen this case; and it is finally

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this Memorandum Order upon Petitioner by regular U.S. mail.

  
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MICHAEL A. SHIPP  
United States District Judge